

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board
Draft Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 - 5:30 pm
Community Room – 1st Floor, Whitewater Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd (5:32), Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger and Bruce Parker.

Staff: Matt Amundson, Deb Weberpal

Amundson opened the meeting at 5:30 pm

Election of Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson

Kaina nominated Knedler as Chairperson. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd and Bruce Parker.

Election of Parks and Recreation Board Vice-Chairperson

Kaina nominated Jaeger as Vice - Chairperson. Second by Knedler. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger, Ken Kidd and Bruce Parker.

(Kidd arrived 5:32)

Appointment of Parks and Recreation Board Members to the following commissions and boards

- Plan & Architectural Review Commission
- Urban Forestry Commission
- Whitewater Aquatic Center Board

Motion by Knedler to appoint Parker to Plan & Architectural Review Commission, Knedler to Urban Forestry Commission and Amundson to Aquatic Center Board. Second by Kaina. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger and Bruce Parker.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes of September 9, 2014

No items to be removed from consent agenda. Kaina moved to accept the consent agenda. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger and Bruce Parker.

Hearing of Citizen Comments:

No formal action will be taken during this meeting, although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a 3 minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may

not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those issues as designated in the agenda.

There were no citizen comments

Staff Reports: Parks & Recreation Director - Improvement Project Status Report

Amundson referred to the packet and shared status updates on the Capital Improvement projects for 2015

Considerations:

Discussion and possible action related to placement of wet detention basin in Meadowsweet Park located at 601 N Tratt Street

Amundson introduced Chris McDonnell, Assistant City Manager who explained the design of the wet detention pond. Amundson noted the benefits of this design being that it will potentially dry faster and have better prairie burns. Kidd inquired about plantings around the wet area and requested they should be natural vegetation. Amundson commented current wet ponds have this and have not been maintained and is hopeful that these areas city wide can have more consistent maintenance. Kidd moved to accept the plan. Second by Kaina. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger and Bruce Parker.

Discussion and possible action related to placement of wet detention basin in Clay Street Nature Park located at 511 E Clay Street

McDonnell pointed out the detention pond will be 5 feet deep and should be able to handle a 100 year flood. He also pointed out trees to be removed. Amundson: This will have a positive impact on removing future sediment from entering Trippe lake. James Street pond will also do this in regards to Cravath Lake. A majority of the trees being removed are immature. The UFC has reviewed the plan and approves of the tree removal. This will increase water quality, site aesthetics and public access. Strand will be asked if it is possible to maintain public access to the pier. Maintenance staff has not noted any turtles at the mound. Kidd moved to approve the plan contingent upon review by Strand to maintain public access to the lake. Second by Oberle. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger and Bruce Parker.

Discussion and possible action on request from Boy Scouts of America for Whitewater Parks and Recreation to become a charter organization.

The Boy Scouts need an affiliation with a group in the community. Amundson attended some meetings and is not sure about sponsoring the group. Concern is with their charter and that they discriminate. As an entity of the city, per ordinance, we have to be open to everyone. Kidd moved to decline the request. Second by Kaina. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger and Bruce Parker.

Discussion and possible action related to allowing alcohol in Cravath Lakefront Park

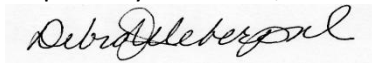
Amundson commented that by statute this is a Park Board decision. He discussed concerns of the police department and city staff. There is a process to apply for an alcohol permit for the park. Kidd moved reaffirm the position of the Park Board to maintain the current ordinance. Second by Hansberry. Ayes: Jen Kaina, Ken Kidd, Brandon Knedler, Sarah Hansberry, and Kori Oberle. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rachel Deporter, Nate Jaeger and Bruce Parker.

Request for future agenda items

Approval of Seniors in the Park Policies and Procedures
Armory ramp construction
Direction from Park Board on UFC review of parks
Policy on heat for artificial turf

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Weberpal". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Debra Weberpal